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Fanatics: Fast Men of Music

By SCOTT HOLTZMAN

Neal Ford & The Fanatics are tearing up the charts with "Gonna Be My Girl." Did you know that Jon (The Swinger) Pereles wrote it and sings the solos?

Brenda Benz wrote in the perfect name for James Bond. It's "O-O-Fink." I really got a cut quick the other day in the grocery store. For some unknown reason, a woman thought I was James Bond.

RCA's Jefferson Airplane will be in this week for a private press show. Sorry you can't hear this up-and-coming West Coast Psychedelic group (They even have a girl member).

TO STEVE LUNDY goes the "Funny How Time Slips Away" Award. He missed midnight New Year's Eve by seconds. Nobody should have to work at that hour anyway, right Kimosabe?

Rumors keep flying that the Yardbirds are coming this month. I'll let you know.

THE SIXPENTZ' new release will be a national one. Bobby Shad, president of Mainstream, Time and Brent records, will fly in from New York personally this week

with the first copies. These guys sing their boots off.

Buddy McGregor tells me KNUZ will bring The Beach Boys Easter weekend and Paul Revere in June. He's also planning a TV show for Channel 39 opposite Larry Kane. (. . . and Birnam wood shall come to Dunsinane.)

Heard the Coastliners-Sixpents-Playboys party New Year's Eve was one of the greatest ever. It might just become a yearly thing at The Astrodome Plaza.

Brad Messer left KILT

for Buffalo and rumors keep persisting that a major DJ is exiting KNUZ.

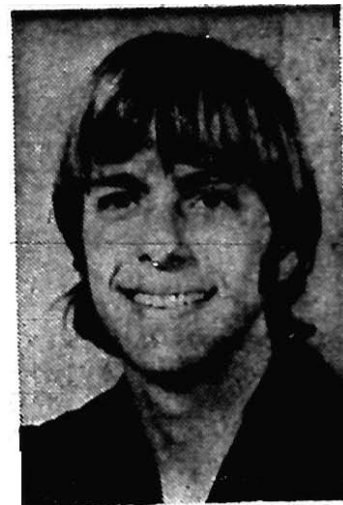
Arch Yancey will record this month in Nashville.

IT'S A little gross to talk about my own record in this column, but I'm going to mention it because there is an injustice being done. Even B. J. Thomas thought I sang "Sweet Thang" alone, I do not sing it alone. Kay Oslin sings the high part and she IS the record as far as I'm concerned. She doesn't need me to make a hit record.

She wrote from Florida that she turned on the radio and the DJ said: "And here's our BOMB of the week" (he then played "Sweet Thang.")

The Electric Prunes may be playing The Living Eye this month. Watch for an announcement.

CHANNEL 13 is in for it. They've cancelled "Where The Action Is" to bring in some old re-re-runs of "Dobie Gillis." Don't write your complaints to me. Get organized and send a few thousand letters to the program director



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over there. If enough of you write in, maybe some good will come of it. It is not being cancelled nationally. Only in Houston. (I'd hate to see what happened if Channel Two canceled The Monkees.)

I have a new hero. His name is Paul Orseck. He's not only putting the world on, he's putting Chris Chandler on. Hang 10%

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